

Please cancel claims 2-3, 5-11, 13, 15 and 17 without prejudice.

Please add claims 18-23.

Please amend the claims as follows:

*B1*  
*A1*  
1. A method for treatment of heart failure comprising inducing phospholamban deficiency, wherein an exogenous phospholamban (PLB) protein induces phospholamban deficiency.

*B1*  
*A2*  
4. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 19, wherein the mutations of PLB comprise point mutations.

*B1*  
*A3*  
12. A method for treatment of heart failure comprising enhancement of cardiac contractility by inhibition of PLB-sarcoplasmic reticulum calcium ATPase (SERCA2a) interaction wherein an exogenous PLB protein is used to inhibit interaction between PLB and SERCA2a.

*B1*  
*A4*  
16. The method of claim 22, wherein the mutations of PLB comprise point mutations of PLB.

*sub*  
*B1*  
18. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 1, wherein the exogenous PLB protein comprises a native PLB protein.

*A5*  
19. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 1, wherein the exogenous PLB protein comprises a PLB protein with mutations.

*A6*  
20. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 1, wherein the exogenous PLB protein comprises a truncated PLB protein.